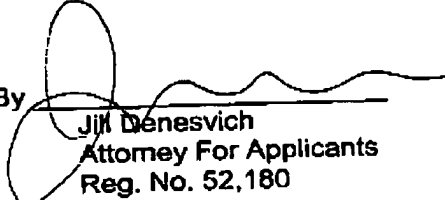


**REMARKS**

As indicated in the notice, Claim 44 includes the ending "C) at least one thermoplastic, rubber-free polymer that is the product of the polymerisation of at least one resin-forming vinyl monomer." Reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and the Examiner would be justified in allowing them.

Respectfully submitted,

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